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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sirs:

This is an information disclosure statement submitted under 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98 making of record five references that have come to the attention of applicant's counsel respecting this application.

The five references are listed on a form PTO-1449 submitted herewith.

Three of the references, namely European patent application 93-109, 663.0, Patent Cooperation Treaty patent application PCT/US91/08161 and Patent Cooperation Treaty patent application PCT/US86/000286 are in English, and accordingly, no explanation as to the relevance of these references is required.

The remaining two references are abstract of Japanese patent publications. The first one, Japanese patent publication 58,004,821 apparently discloses a calcium phosphate fibre production process by extrusion through an air cooling nozzle and dipping in acid and is believed relevant to a method for producing water soluble glass fibers which is the subject of the instant application.

The second Japanese patent publication No.48,042,814 discloses a crystal glass fiber having high heat strength and is believed to be relevant to the patentability of the method of producing water soluble glass fibers as set forth in the instant application.

No English translation of the full text of either of these Japanese publications is readily available to applicant or applicant's counsel.

We respectfully request that these references be made of record in the instant application and be considered on their merits in due course in connection with an examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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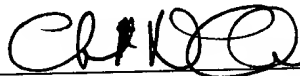


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